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Thanks

... To our headlice inspection team.

... To those who attended this week's Cambridge meeting, and those who have made appointments to discuss Cambridge pathways for next year (remember this is optional)

... To those who are making very genuine efforts to make our carpark safer .. & especially those with older children who are delaying pickup until 3:15pm.

People of the week

... Cody Mitchell for racing ahead with his maths. Well done Cody!

... Those awesome children who represented our school at the Group Calf Club day - some amazing results following.

Term Calendar ... More to follow as dates come to hand!

8 November Zone Athletics at Poroti School

15-18 Nov. Year 3 and 4 Camp at Marsden Bay

21 November Due date for portfolios for Art Scholarship

22 November Year 7 & 8 Interschool Athletics

29 November Years 4-6 Interschool Athletics

6 December School Athletics Day

9 December Reports issued

12 December School Prizegiving (pp 13/12)

15 December Final day of 2016 school year (1st Feb first day of 2017)

SCHOOL DROP OFF ZONES - Reminder!!

Please adhere to the rules

... prompt drop off

... stay clear of neighbouring driveways &
Carpark entry points

... stay clear of the yellow lines.



We know that the problem is at its worst around 3:00pm.

We think this problem could be eased if those with children in the Middle & Senior School would delay pick up until 3:15

... if you are able to do this, this would be greatly appreciated.

We have an absolute duty to keep children safe.

We need each person to do their bit please.

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Reminders

- ... Parents intending to enrol their child at WBHS in 2017 are advised that an enrolment catch up day will be held 7 November at WBHS - Parents can book at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz (event code ntecp)... Book Club
- ... Please get school cups back to school asap. Thanks
- ... If we can help with Art Scholarships please let us know. These are due 21 November
- ... Please keep working on the RESPECT virtue at home.
- ... Scholastic books will be handed out in a couple of weeks
- .. please ensure that children are not dropped at school before 8:00 AM

Cambridge Data

If you were not able to make this week's Cambridge meeting Mrs Donaldson is more than happy to email you some of the achievement data shared at this meeting. This data shows very significant gains for our students in their Cambridge Checkpoint Tests and also in the more general school data. If you would like a copy please email Mrs Donaldson kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz

Term Headlice Inspection

This week's headlice inspection detected relatively low levels of infestation. If you received advice of infestation, or suspected infestation, please act immediately. Unfortunately, it is not a matter of treating once and moving on, you need to check daily after treatment, and remove eggs until there are no more signs of eggs. Weekly checks after that are advisable.

School Contributions

Those who have opted for quarterly payment of their school contribution, or who have outstanding contributions, will receive a payment request next week. The school contribution is voluntary but enables the school to purchase resources and services which are simply not covered by government funding, and which add significant value to your child's school experience (e.g. additional library books, lower class numbers, learning support, special purpose educational software etc). The board strongly encourages parents to pay their contribution out of fairness to other parents.

Camp, Tech & EOTC Fees

Please get these payments to school as soon as possible, or contact Kevin to discuss alternative payment arrangements. We understand that finances can become a little stretched at times and we are willing to customise payment arrangements to suit.

Zone Athletics - Poroti School - Tuesday 8 November - (pp 9.11) - Years 4 to 8

It is our intention to travel to this event by bus, but we recognize that some parents will want to transport their own children. **The cost of the bus will be met from the activity fee paid earlier in the year.**

Please note that there will not be regular classes on this day for year 4 to 8 students.

If you have not yet returned your consent form(s) please phone the school office on Monday.

Children are asked to bring school sunhats, something warm, lunch, plenty to drink and sunblock and spending money at your discretion. *Please also ensure that children wear their Matarau T-Shirts. New quick dry polo shirts can be bought from the office for \$30.*

Home Gardens

1. Consent for judges to visit your child's garden will be sent out on Monday. Please ensure these are returned to school by next Friday (11th November) so we can begin to plan the judging circuit. Judging date is the Saturday 3rd December, so aim to have your gardens looking their best by this date.
2. Next Thursday (10th) we also invite students to bring along a seedling to swap with another student that is doing home garden. This is a great opportunity for students to share what they have been doing and perhaps try something new in their gardens. Plants can be brought to Room 3 for safe keeping.
3. Please remind children to update their garden Diaries periodically. Diaries are due into the office by Friday 25th November. If you are already harvesting produce from your garden, remember to take some photos and add it to your diary so that the judges can see what you have grown.

Happy Gardening - Rachael Burgin, Courtney Blundell, Simone Gentil

Y3 & Y4 Camp - 15-18 November

Only 10 days to go! Payment is now due, if you haven't already you can please pay at the office or by direct credit to our school bank account. The cost is \$41 for the Y3 sleepover & \$137 for the Y4 camp. Any questions in the run up to Mr Johnson or Mrs Baker please.

BMX Club Challenge

Permission slips were sent home this week with children who want to participate. This is a School Challenge starting at 9am on Sunday 13th November at the BMX track - entry via the old landfill site. Any push bike in good condition can be used so long as it has working brakes. All bikes must have a number plate attached. Entry fee is \$3 per rider paid on the day. More details on whangareibmxclub@gmail.com

Prizegiving Cups & Trophies

Please return all cups and trophies won at last year's prizegiving urgently now. There is no need to polish them.



Whangarei Central Calf Club Day - Results

Matarau did very well again this year at the Group Calf Club day held at Barge Park yesterday. The results handed to us todate are as follows:

Ella Martin - Intermediate Heavy Breed. 2nd leading, 1st rearing, Merit Champion Heavy Breed

Flynn Horsford - Junior Beef Breed - 1st leading & rearing, 2nd leading overall, 3rd Beef type, Merit Reserve Champion Beef calf & 1st in School Group of 3.

Jesse Brown Williamson - Intermediate Heavy Breed - 1st kids judging, 4th leading.

Brianna Brown Williamson - Junior Beef Breed, 2nd Beef type, 3rd leading, 4th rearing, Merit & 1st in School Group of 3.

Lachlan Horsford - Junior Beef Breed - 1st beef type, 3rd rearing, 4th leading, Merit & 1st in School Group of 3.

Caitlin Henry - Intermediate Lamb - 3rd leading, 4th rearing

Cambridge Pathways ... important message for parents of year 6 and 7 students

We will shortly be making decisions on optimal Cambridge pathways for 2017 (see our website - Cambridge tab - for background details on pathways). As advised earlier, the Cambridge programme is highly flexible. There is plenty of scope to modify the programme to cater for different learning abilities, learning styles, personal circumstances etc. In short, there will not be a one size fits all approach and programmes will contain non-Cambridge material also. We are currently gathering the data necessary to make good pathway decisions and are keen for parents to have input into this process where they feel they would like to. We will have pathway recommendations ready by Monday 14 November, and **interested parents are invited to make an appointment with Mrs Donaldson on 18 or 25 November (both Fridays) or at other times by arrangement with Mrs Donaldson.**

Disagreements between children at school (or on the bus)

If your child has a disagreement or a dispute with another child it is critical that you advise the school of this instead of dealing with the matter yourselves. The school always looks into matters thoroughly, our findings may not always correspond exactly with what your child has told you, but we are always fair and remain open to new information. Children are not to be approached directly by another parent. There are legal and ethical reasons for this.

Finally

We have been advised this morning of the passing of Tui Naera (nee Cherrington). Tui was instrumental in writing our Matarau School Song and teaching it to whanau who attended the marae noho. She was thus (and remains) a special friend of the school. Our thoughts are with her family at this sad time.

Regards ... *nga mihi*

Kevin Trehwella
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your children, please
support them

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Community Notices

Wanted to Rent: 2 - 3 bedroom home

I have recently started working on a dairy farm down Finlayson Road. My wife and I have two young children. Please let me know if you have a place to rent in the area. I can provide references. Thank you. Mat Cook, Phone: 020 4106 6866 - email: matyjay01@gmail.com

Annual Summer Safety Day on Saturday 6th November at Kensington Park (Western Hills Drive) Whangarei. - It's all about keeping kids and families safe and learning in a practical and fun environment. There will be stands from NZ Fire service, NZ Police, Northland Civil Defence, Coastguard, Surf Lifesaving and many more community organisations.

HELP SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE COASTLINES MOBILE PHONE APPEAL IN OUR SCHOOL It would be great if you could rummage around in your drawers and toy boxes and bring into School any unwanted mobile phones you may have. Phones collected help our environment by keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances. Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have in the collection box in the school office.

Kamo Swimming Club – 2016/17 Season - Stroke Improvement lessons for children who can swim 10m in basic strokes without stopping. Held at Kamo High School Pool, Wilkinson Ave Kamo from Monday 7 November at 4.30pm and thereafter Mondays & Fridays. Club nights also held regularly. Registration day Friday 4th November at KHS Pool. Cost per swimmer only \$85 for the season – very reasonable cost to ensure your child is swim safe and competent. Contact Karena Nisbet – 027 470 7955.

Tanekaha Toxin Operation From 1st November there will be a baiting operation in the Tanekaha area – end of Jordan Valley Road where it meets Hukerenui Road & Heaton Road in a loop back to Jordan Valley Road. The toxic bait will be laid from the 15th November & will remain for 3-4 weeks and then removed. Please be aware of this if in the area with animals or children.

Public Health Nurse Message

Changes to the year 8 HPV vaccination schedule in 2017, will now include boys. The vaccine has been improved and now only 2 vaccinations are required. There will be more information available over the coming weeks if you wish to know more please contact your Public Health Nurse 0800 223 358 option # 2



School Lunches

Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Hot Mince Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar), butter chicken or mince & cheese wrap and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the fruit drink for a flavoured milk for \$5.00. *Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday.*